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Food and Drug Administration

Arthritis Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

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AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

*Name of Committee:* Arthritis Advisory Committee.

*General Function of the Committee:* To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

*Date and Time:* The meeting will be held on September 6, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Location:* Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Conference Room, rm. 1066, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.

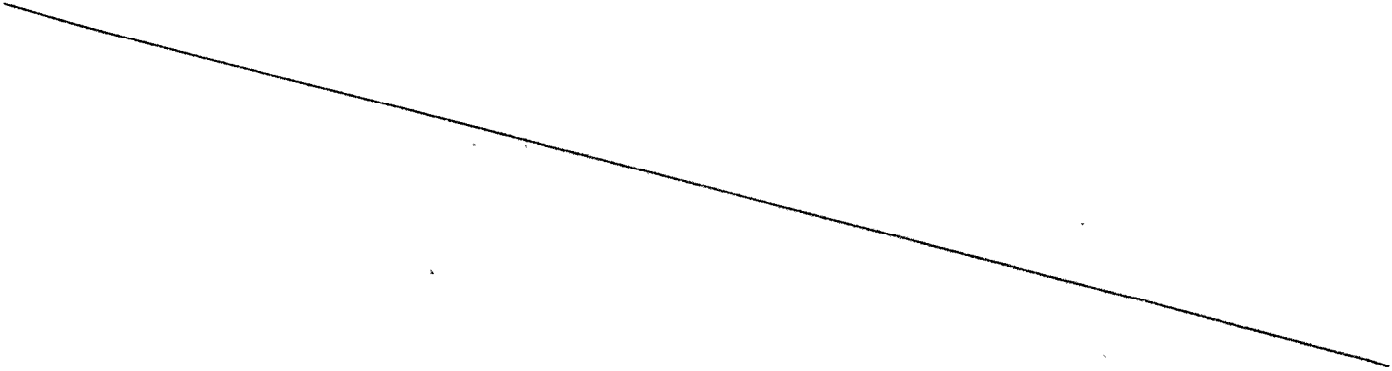
*Contact Person:* Johanna M. Clifford, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane (for express delivery, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1093), Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-7001, FAX: 301-827-6776, e-mail: [cliffordj@cder.fda.gov](mailto:cliffordj@cder.fda.gov), or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 3014512532. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

*Agenda:* The committee will discuss biologics license application (BLA) 125118/0, proposed trade name ORENCIA (abatacept), Bristol Myers Squibb,

proposed indication for the treatment of moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis. When available, background materials for this meeting will be posted 1 business day before the meeting on FDA's Web site at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/ac/acmenu.htm>. (Click on the year 2005 and scroll down to Arthritis Advisory Committee.)

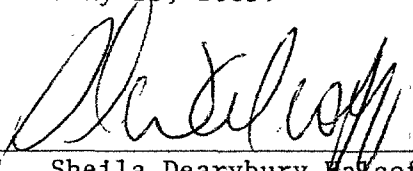
*Procedure:* Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by August 26, 2005. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before August 26, 2005, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation. Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Johanna Clifford at 301-827-7001, at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.



Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act  
(5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: 7/20/05  
July 20, 2005.

  
Sheila Dearybury Walcott,  
Associate Commissioner for External Relations.

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